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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the application filed on 02 October, 2001.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 05/06/2011, pertaining to using the non-provisional
application and not the provisional application have been fully considered and are
persuasive. The previously presented rejection has been withdrawn. <u>A new final action</u>
will issue shortly. No further action is required by applicant.

Conclusion

 Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, this action is made final. See MPEP § 706.07(a).
 Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW GOLDBERG whose telephone number is (571)270-5441. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ashok Patel can be reached on (571)-272-3972. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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